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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a teaching position at the elementary level.

EDUCATION

St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, May 2007

Minor: Early Childhood Education

GPA: 3.5/4.0

Certification: Early Childhood/Middle Childhood (birth – 11) – Regular Education

Expected states of teaching certification: Wisconsin

STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teaching, Kindergarten, Annie Jackson Wilder Elementary School, Green Bay, WI
August 2006 - November 2006

- Planned and implemented age appropriate lesson plans for a collaborative kindergarten classroom
- Implemented a variety of sensory strategies such as frequent movement breaks, swinging, jumping, chewing gum, use of a sitting wedge, therapeutic listening, and deep pressure massage to enhance learning
- Made many adaptations to meet the needs of various students including: strong use of visual schedules and models, highlighter markers, dotted letters, enlarged books, teacher modeling, and behavior charts
- Taught as part of a collaborative group along with a Special Education teacher, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, and a paraprofessional
- Actively participated in staff development meetings
- Participated in I.E.P meetings
- Lead various Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student Teaching, Grade 5, Red Smith Elementary School, Green Bay, WI
November 2006 - January 2007

- Planned and implemented age appropriate lesson plans
- Created and implemented a Poetry Unit
- Facilitated and participated in a TRIBES community in the classroom
- Aided fifth grade students in getting prepared for the middle school transition
- Took part in staff development meetings
- Participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student Teaching, Preschool, St. Norbert Children's Center, De Pere, WI
Spring 2006

- Created curriculum based on state standards
- Planned and implemented age appropriate lesson plans based on curriculum
- Created classroom themes and centers to go along with these themes
- Lead a Parent/Teacher Conference

CAREER-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Day Care Teacher, Bright Beginnings Childcare, De Pere, WI

2005-Present

- Planned and implemented lesson plans for various age groups
- Supervised children ages birth-12 providing interactive and fun indoor and outdoor activities
- Attended monthly professional development meetings

Day Care Teacher, Adventure Academy, Green Bay, WI

2004-2005

- Planned and implemented lesson plans for various age groups
- Supervised children ages birth-12 providing interactive and fun indoor and outdoor activities
- Attended monthly professional development meetings

Grades 3-5 Tutor, Doty Elementary School, De Pere, WI

Fall 2003

- Tutored students in grades third through fifth in various subject matter

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Stainless Steel Line, Ansul Fire Protection, Marinette, WI

Summer 2005

- Completed various tasks on an assembly line to make stainless steel fire extinguishers

Sales Clerk, The Athlete's Foot, Marinette, WI

2000-2003

- Sold athletic supplies
- Recorded inventory
- Cleaned and stocked store accordingly

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Trainings:
Fall 2006
Boys in Crisis
- Project WILD, Aquatic, and Project Learning Tree Workshop – Certification
Fall 2004

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Garfield Elementary School, Marinette, WI, 2002-2003

- Provide support in the classroom wherever needed

Girls Night Out – YMCA, Green Bay, WI, 2004-2005

- Mentor sixth grade girls in various aspects of life.

ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

SWEA, 2004-present

Academic Dean's List, 2003-present

Presidential Scholar 2003-present

Electronic Portfolio, References and Credential File Available Upon Request